**COMPASS – Parent Meeting**

***Creating Opportunities to Meet Potential and Stretch Skills***

**September 27, 2011**

**Administration Building – Room 14**

**Guiding Question:**

How might we create opportunities for advanced students to

meet potential and stretch skills?

**Long term target:**

Implement tiered levels of service for advanced students according to their academic need, both inside the classroom and through extracurricular opportunities.

**Short term targets:**

* Meet COMPASS leadership
* Review evaluation of Gifted Education Services
* Share how Gifted Education Services will support the three major initiatives of MCPS
* Collect parent input
* Respond to questions

**AGENDA**

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| **6:30-6:35** | Welcome and Review Agenda (Shirley) |
| **6:35-6:40** | Introductions (Shirley)  **The District COMPASS (Gifted Education) Team**   * Shirley Lindburg, - COMPASS Coordinator   + [salindburg@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:salindburg@mcps.k12.mt.us), 728-2400 ex. 1057 * Heather Davis-Schmidt – Executive Regional Director, Region 2   + [hcdavis@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:hcdavis@mcps.k12.mt.us), 240-7032 * Mary Younger - Sentinel High School, Counselor (ex. 7028) * Allie McFarland – C. S. Porter Middle School, 8th grade teacher (ex. 4624) * Crystal Thompson – Franklin Elementary and Chief Charlo Elementary, Counselor (ex. 4228) * Angela Opitz – Rattlesnake Elementary School, Counselor (ex. 4516) * Erica Zins – Russell and Lewis & Clark Elementary, Counselor (ex. 4830) |
| **6:40-6:45** | Short Reading (Heather)  [And then a miracle occurs](file:///C:\Documents%20and%20Settings\salindburg\My%20Documents\My%20Pictures\miracle_cartoon.jpg)  **Parking Lot Protocol** Participants were given the opportunity to post issues, questions, concerns, and ideas on chart paper. Although these ideas weren’t relevant to the agenda, they were still important and will be considered at a future meeting. (see link below agenda) |
| **6:45-**  **7:05** | * Review evaluation of Gifted Education Services * Steps Gifted Education Services is taking to address questions and parent concerns from last spring |
| **7:05-7:20** | Introduce the three major initiatives of MCPS and how Gifted Education Services will support these Initiatives (Shirley)   * The Five District Goalsof MCPS * *MCPS 21st Century Model of Change* * Graduation Matters Missoula Strategic Plan |
| **7:20-7:35** | Collect parent input (Heather)  **Hopes and Fears Protocol** (see link below agenda)   * Write your responses on the handout provided. * What is your worst fear for your child’s academic achievement this year? * What is your best hope for your child’s academic achievement this year? * At the end of the meeting, please leave your responses so we can use them to guide our work.   **Think-Pair-Share Protocol**   * Turn to a neighbor * Introduce yourself * Share your responses from the Hopes and Fears Protocol |
| **7:35-**  **7:50** | Respond to parent questions (District Gifted Education Team) |
| **7:50-**  **7:55** | **Next Steps – COMPASS Parent Meetings *(Please note the May meeting date has been changed.)***   * December 6 * February 7 * May 1 *now April 16* * All meetings will be held at the Administration Building * 6:30-8:00 |
| **7:55-8:00** | **Plus/Delta Protocol** (Heather) (see link below agenda)   * What went well in tonight’s meeting? * How might we do things differently next time we meet? |